

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

May 21, 1998

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 971.

This bill enables the Harford County Board of Education to appoint an individual who is not an attorney as a hearing examiner for school board disciplinary proceedings involving students who are suspended or expelled from school.

Senate Bill 238, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 12, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 971.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### House Bill No. 971

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County Board of Education — School Board Hearing Examiner —  
Qualification Bar Membership Optional for Certain Proceedings**

~~FOR the purpose of providing that, in Harford County, the hearing examiner chosen by the County Board of Education for certain personnel issues is not required to be an attorney admitted to practice before the Maryland Court of Appeals.~~

FOR the purpose of allowing Harford County to employ nonattorneys, as well as attorneys, as hearing examiners for certain school board disciplinary proceedings involving students.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article — Education

Section 6-203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: